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Spotlight: Kentucky's Automotive \$14 Billion Industry

Auto producers & suppliers support 136,500 Kentucky jobs

Recently the Kentucky Automotive Industry Association (KAIA) shared results of the first in-depth study of the significant fiscal and economic impact of Kentucky's automotive industry.

The nearly six-month study was conducted by researchers at the University of Louisville Urban Studies Institute.

"This report underscores what many automotive manufacturers and suppliers have known for years – Kentucky is a great place to do business and a great place to call home," Gov. Beshear said. "It details the tremendous contributions our automotive industry is making, bringing billions of dollars into our economy and supporting more than 136,000 high-paying jobs."

"Kentucky's automotive industry is more than Ford's assembly plants in Louisville. More than GM's Corvette plant in Bowling Green. And more than the Toyota and Lexus operations in Georgetown," Beshear added. "This vital industry includes regional parts suppliers, tool-and-die shops, warehouses, trucking companies and metal-stamping operations throughout the Commonwealth."



The U of L study is the first comprehensive look at the widespread and growing impact the automotive industry is having on the Commonwealth. It was commissioned by the Kentucky Automotive Industry Association (KAIA), an organization formed last year to address the industry's challenges and opportunities for growth.

"We are pleased to provide the first clear picture of Kentucky's auto industry to show citizens and leaders across the state who we are, where we are and how we are making Kentucky a national leader in automotive-related manufacturing and production," said Dave Tatman, executive director of KAIA.



Upcoming Surplus Auctions

Transportation & Heavy Equipment Auction September 29, 2015

Preview 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. September 28, 2015

Registration begins 7 a.m.

Sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Sept. 29

1239 Wilkinson Blvd

[Click here](#) for more information.



Surplus Fleet Vehicle Auction

10 a.m. Tuesday, October 13

State Service Garage, 513 Barrett St., Frankfort

You may pre-register and inspect the vehicles from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12. In addition, you may pre-register and view the vehicles on the morning of the sale from 8:00-9:45 a.m.

Please note that should you purchase a vehicle, you must make payment in full by close of business on Oct. 13.

For questions, call:



Division of Surplus Property – 502-573-4836

Fleet Management Inventory – 502-564-4090

A full list of vehicles for sale will soon be posted online.

Absentee Voting in November 3 General Election Now Open

Eligible voters may now cast mail-in absentee ballots in Kentucky's Nov. 3, 2015, General Election.

Individuals who may be eligible to vote by mail-in absentee ballot include:

- Military personnel, their dependents, and overseas citizens
- Students who temporarily reside outside the county
- Voters who temporarily reside outside Kentucky (e.g., vacationers)
- Voters who are incarcerated but have not yet been convicted
- Voters whose employment takes them outside the county for all days and hours the polling place is open
- Voters of advanced age or who suffer from disability or illness
- Voters who are participants in the Secretary of State's Address Confidentiality Program



Voters may request an absentee ballot application from their county clerk in person or via telephone, fax, or email. Qualified military and overseas voters may also use the online [portal](#) the Kentucky State Board of Elections established in 2014 to request and receive their blank absentee ballots.

Applications for mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the clerk's office no later than Oct. 27. The completed absentee ballot must be returned by mail and received by the county clerk by 6 p.m. local time on Election Day.

Individuals who do not qualify to vote by mail-in absentee ballot may still be eligible to vote in person prior to Election Day. In-person absentee voting will begin in all counties no later than 12 working days prior to the election, although county boards of elections may permit in-person absentee voting to start earlier. In-person absentee voting is conducted during the county clerk's regular business hours on voting machines similar to those used on Election Day.

Persons with questions about absentee voting should contact their [county clerk](#) or call the State Board of Elections at 502-573-7100. Additional information about absentee voting is also available on the State Board's [website](#).



Elkhorn City is the seventh Trail Town to be certified in Kentucky. It joins Dawson Springs, Livingston, Morehead, Olive Hill, London and Stearns as official Kentucky Trail Towns.

The program is designed to help connect communities to trail systems and help develop them as tourist destinations. It will guide travelers to trails, food, lodging, campgrounds, museums, entertainment and other services.

Check out Kentucky's trail towns [online](#).

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Key findings from the report include:

- ✓ The industry contributes \$14.3 billion to Kentucky's gross state product (GSP). Roughly \$1 out of every \$13 in the state's economy is tied to the automotive industry.



- ✓ Kentucky's automotive manufacturers and suppliers contribute \$6.1 billion to pay-rolls annually.

- ✓ The average annual wage of a manufacturing employee in the automotive sector is \$58,280.

- ✓ Automotive-related businesses directly employ 85,552 workers at more than 470 establishments in Kentucky.



- ✓ Automotive-related manufacturers and suppliers support 136,500 jobs in Kentucky. Roughly 1 out of every 18 jobs in the state is supported by the direct, indirect or induced effects of automotive-related manufacturers.

- ✓ \$1 out of every \$14 in state taxes results from the automotive industry. A total of \$488 million annually in state income and sales taxes come from industry-supported jobs.



- ✓ One-fifth of the state's exports last year were tied to the auto industry. The value of Kentucky's automotive-related exports totaled \$5.9 billion in 2014.

- ✓ Existing and new employers in Kentucky's automotive industry have announced \$5 billion in investments over the last five years, and nearly 20,000 new jobs have been announced.

Elkhorn City Recognized as Newest Kentucky Trail Town